

I strongly urge you to severely limit the number of television and radio stations an entity can own, both locally and nationally. The airwaves belong to the public and since their greatest effect is local, control should be local. This control should also be well diversified, since the airwaves determine much of the intellectual, political and cultural life of the community. As an example of the dangers in local stations being bought and controlled by corporate interests outside the community, witness the recent rape of what was Albuquerque's nationally acclaimed classical FM station, KHFM 96.3 by Citidal Corp. The public airwaves and the public's access to information are too important to the freedom and the well-being of the nation to be allowed to become mere grist in the often corrupt corporate quest for profits.